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COMMENTS OF THE U. S. COAST GUARD

This is in response to Air Transport Association of America (ATA), letter of July 9, 1993. The Coast Guard has no objection to ATA's proposal that carriers register beacons to the carrier only vice to specific airframes.

The only conditions to such an arrangement should be:

- o The carrier's registration provide a 24-hour point of contact, and
- o The point of contact be able to correlate alert positions and times to specific flights so that incidents can be prosecuted in real time.

An equivalent practice is already in place for commercial fishing industry fleet owners.


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